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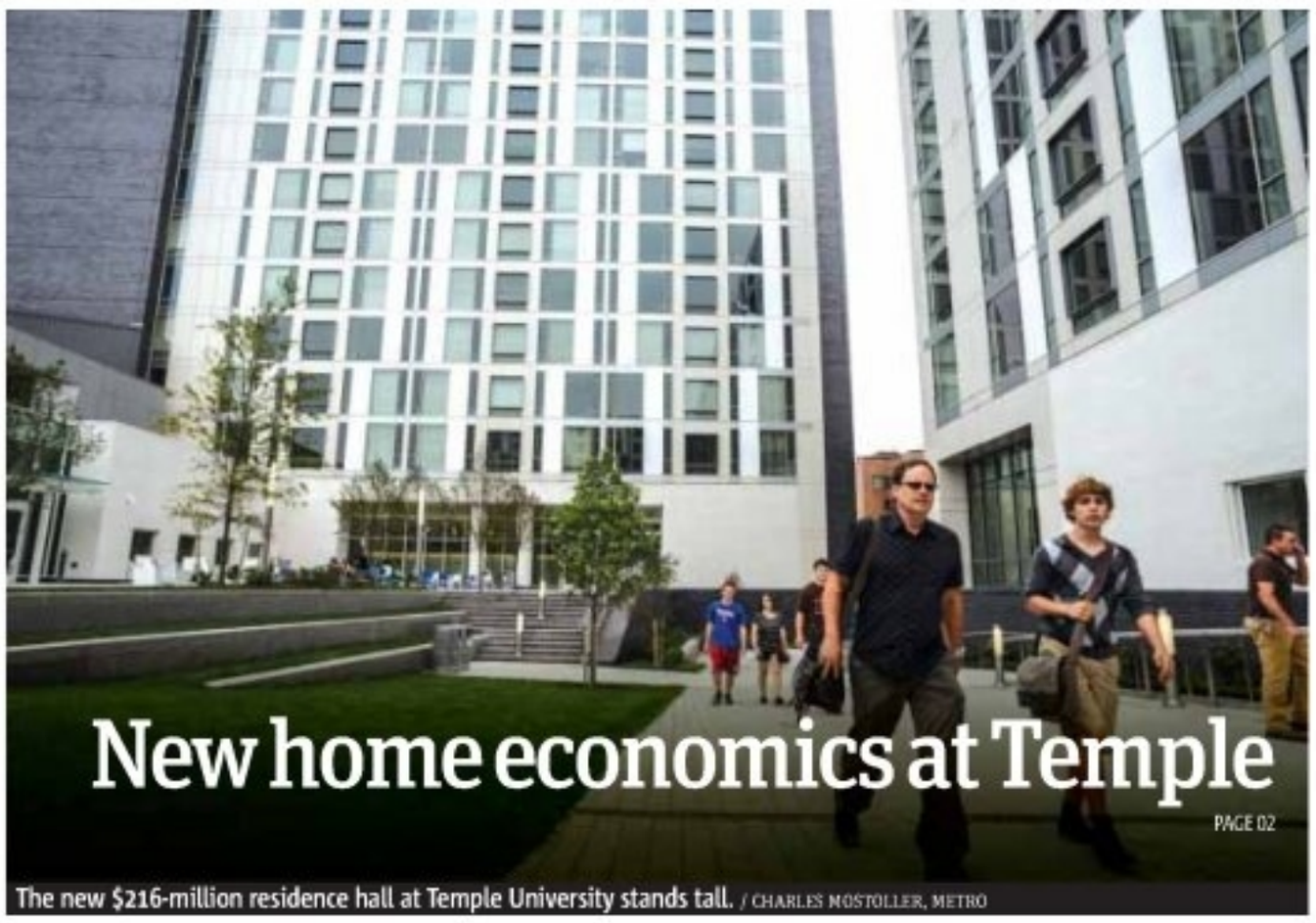

New home economics at Temple

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The new $216-million residence hall at Temple University stands tall. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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"The Chip Kelly Burger is our little way of welcoming him to town with a good meal and high hopes for a great first season with us."

Kevin Finn, co-founder of Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant, which will serve the "Chip Kelly" burger on Sept. 8 and 9. The burger contains Oregon blue cheese, crushed potato chips, onions and mushroom spread. Just like Kelly, the price is hefty: $13.50.

Discovery

Fetus found in pub toilet

A fetus was found late Sunday night in a toilet tank at Starters Pub, located on Route 378 in Lower Saucon Township in the Lehigh Valley, the pub's owner said at a press conference yesterday afternoon.

A cleaning crew member was startled to find the fetus floating in the tank around 10 p.m. Sunday night. The employee removed the porcelain lip when he or she noticed the toilet wasn't working. Police said the investigation continues.

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Ex-officer injured

Retired cop stabbed in Port Richmond

A retired Philadelphia police officer was stabbed outside his Port Richmond home early yesterday morning. The attack happened on the 3000 block of Salmon Street at about 2 a.m., reports say.

The victim, 56, was stabbed once in his chest. He was taken to Temple University Hospital, where he remained in stable condition yesterday.

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Washed up

New Jersey's dead dolphin count rises

More dead dolphins were found on Jersey Shore beaches on Sunday, bringing the state's total for the year to 58.

The Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine said the dolphins appear to be dying from a viral pneumonia, but the cause is unknown. A significant number of dolphins have died between New York and Virginia this year.

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Students are moving into Morgan Hall this week. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Temple's $216M residence hall open

Morgan Hall. The new complex, which stretches an entire city block, accepts students this week.

New dorm

Other amenities:

- The top floor of Morgan Hall, with a panoramic view of the entire city, will be mainly used for conferences.
- A cafeteria, which sits along North Broad Street, is open to the public and features a Reading Terminal-like market with kiosks from Tony Luke's, Starbucks and Auntie Anne's, among others. The university is looking for a tenant to rent the fine dining restaurant space.
- Smaller meeting rooms throughout the three buildings have wide windows, soft chairs and even fireplaces. Screens roll from the ceilings, speakers cover walls.

By the numbers

1,275

Number of students who will inhabit the three buildings

30K

The size in square feet of the tree-lined terrace at the center of the three-building complex

Look around North Broad Street in the heart of Temple University's main campus and point. You'll inevitably land on a place or parcel and think, "Didn't that used to be … ?"

"It changes," said Michael Scales, associate vice president of Temple's student affairs. "You can leave your alma matter and not come back for five years and you walk around campus and you're like, 'Didn't that used to be … ?'"

Scales took Metro on a tour of Temple University's new Mitchell and Hilarie Morgan Residence Hall and Dining Complex at Broad and Cecil B. Moore yesterday, which represents a keystone in Temple's plan to reshape its urban enclave into an oasis.

Scales showed us the guts of its new baby a day before students flooded its crisp corridors. He pointed to the hulking, full city-block complex and said, "Didn't that used to be the University Services building?"

The $216 million residential and dining complex — which will house 1,275 students from freshmen to seniors — is the most expensive residential tower the college has ever built. The site is comprised of three buildings, the jewel of which sits in the middle — a 30,000-square-foot, tree-lined terrace.

Students will live in a combination of singles, four and five-bed apartment-suites that cost about $10,000 for the year. Inside the dorm rooms, which resemble condominiums, students have floor-to-ceiling-sized windows, a kitchenette and flat-screen televisions. The rooms are spacious. The bathroom is wide. But the views steal the show.

"We've taken a serious amount of time to create an investment that the students will see as a benefit," Scales said. "And it gives them excitement about the place that they'll call home."

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Mower thefts investigated

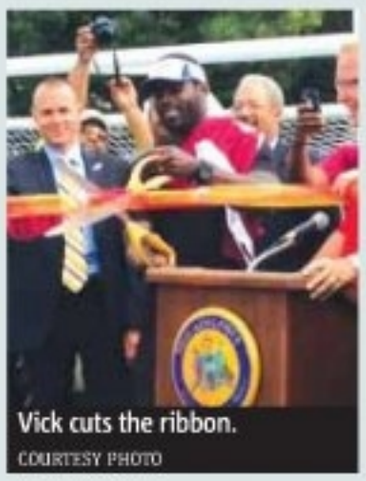
Delaware state troopers are investigating a string of more than 30 lawn mower thefts in Sussex County over the past four months. Most of the commercial-grade mowers were left outside and unsecured, police said. METRO

Hunting for a title

Mike Vick dedicates field

Michael Vick and other members of the Philadelphia Eagles dedicated "Team Vick Field" in North Philadelphia's Hunting Park yesterday.

The completion of the renovation of the multi-sport field is the first phase of the Hunting Park revitalization project.


Vick cuts the ribbon.
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The field will be home to the North Philadelphia Aztecs youth football program and Little Flower High School athletic teams.

The $1.4 million in renovations includes new items such as: turf, a scoreboard, football and soccer goal posts, a drainage system and more. METRO

Slain. Police: Teen's murder was 'very brutal, very personal'

Following a grisly discovery yesterday morning at a Bustleton construction site, police are looking for the killer of Daquan Crump, 19, whose body was found in a remote location on Northeast Avenue.

Crump, who has no criminal history, was shot 10 to 12 times in the head and face.

"It was a very, very brutal murder," Capt. James Clark of the Homicide Unit said. "It would appear to be very, very personal."

Crump was last seen around 11 p.m. Saturday leaving his job at a Wendy's not far from where his body was found.

Investigators recovered from the scene Crump's backpack with his Wendy's uniform still inside, and said that robbery does not appear to be a motive in the slaying.

Police are attempting to determine Crump's killer, as well as the victim's whereabouts between Saturday night and around 5:30 a.m. Monday, when police believe he was shot to death execution-style.

"He lives with his mother and also his grandmother — he goes back and forth," Clark said. "We know he wasn't with either one of them that night." Clark said it was also common for Crump to stay at the homes of girlfriends or friends, but interviews have not yet proved fruitful.

"We have detectives back out on the scene, recanvassing the whole area, doing neighborhoods, checking for video — hopefully from that, we'll get something," he said.

ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

Quoted

"It was a very, very brutal murder so, again, we need someone to come forward and contact us with any information they have about this."

Clark

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is a participant in the Moving to Work Demonstration Program (MTW). PHA was initially selected to participate in the MTW Program in 2001. In October 2008, PHA entered into an Amended and Restated Moving to Work Agreement ("MTW Agreement") with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), which has subsequently been further amended.

The MTW Agreement defines the terms and conditions under which PHA is a participant in the MTW Program. The MTW Agreement requires that PHA submit an MTW Annual Plan for HUD review and approval. PHA's current MTW Annual Plan for MTW Year Thirteen (PHA Fiscal Year 2014) was approved by HUD on May 30, 2013.

PHA is seeking public review and comments on two proposed actions relative to the MTW Program:

- **Amendment to the MTW Agreement** – The proposed amendment to the MTW Agreement will provide PHA with additional flexibility in utilizing Replacement Housing Factor funds received by PHA from HUD.
- **Amendment to the MTW Year Thirteen Annual Plan** – The proposed amendment to the MTW Annual Plan will: 1) Establish that PHA may apply to convert one or more public housing sites under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program and that PHA may utilize MTW Block Grant funds to support the conversion; and, 2) Allow PHA to establish a flexible subsidy program for newly developed or acquiredpublic housing units, subject to HUD review and approval of each transaction.

Additional information regarding the proposed amendments is available from PHA. Copies are available for public review on PHA's website at: www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

- **Housing Choice Voucher Program Office:** 2850 Germantown Ave 1st & 2nd Floor
- **Scattered Sites Management Offices:** 3417 Spring Garden Street, 1821 Vineyard St. 3226 McMichael St., 3218 Susquehanna Avenue, 400 W. Huntingdon St.
- **Public Housing Management Offices:** Bartram - 5404 Gibson Drive, Wilson Park - 2500 Jackson St., Raymond Rosen – 2110 N. 23rd St., Blumberg - 2311 W. Jefferson St.

PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public may attend and provide comments at the Public Hearing described below and/or submit written comments on these proposed actions any time during the comment period. The Public Hearing is scheduled for the following time and location: **August 27, 2013 10 a.m. until noon, 1100 Poplar Street, Philadelphia, PA19123, Multipurpose Room.**

Only comments pertaining to the proposed actions noted above are being solicited. The comment period begins on August 6, 2013 at 12 noon and ends September 5, 2013 at 12 noon.All comments must be received by the end of the comment period. Please send your writtencomments to: **Philadelphia Housing Authority, Office of Policy, Research and Enterprise Planning, Attention: MTW Comment, 1606 Swain St., Philadelphia, PA 19130.**

The Public Hearing is being held in an accessible location. If you require assistance, sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please call 215-684-4000. Please use the AT&T Relay Service for TTY.

Philadelphia Housing Authority
Building Beyond Expectations

'Love' is in the water

Dale Brookins of Narbeth arranges pebbles to form the word "Love" in one of the reflecting pools near the Barnes Collection. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Cycling program helps women in transition

Healing. Gearing Up helps women in jail or treatment become physically and emotionally fit.

The popular Netflix series "Orange Is the New Black," while not shying away from graphic depictions of prison life, never shows orange jumpsuits growing a little too tight.

Yet several studies have found incarcerated women tend to pack on the pounds, a development often compounded by ancillary drug addiction recovery and pre-existing body image issues. That's the reason Temple University master's graduate Kristin Gavin founded Gearing Up, which teaches women in Philadelphia jails and residential recovery programs to get fit by riding bicycles. Or at least it was the reason — at first.

"Initially the idea was: women in recovery put on a lot of weight," Gavin said. "In the streets, a synonym for 'getting clean' is 'getting fat.' Women really struggle with that. Drugs keep women thin. A lot of women have body images to begin with, so exercise can help people deal when they are putting on weight and their bodies are changing because they're not using anymore."

But Gavin said after the program's debut, she learned riding can improve a lot more than just physical health. "Some of the things that resonated the most with our women were community integration and being a part of something," she said. "It's almost like a new identity, being able to get out, not just a woman in treatment or in recovery."

Women can get involved through four city treatment programs or an indoor cycling class at the Riverside Correctional Facility.

The program, profiled in the documentary "Braking Cycles," offers participants incentives, including a bicycle of their own once they hit 100 miles. "I think for some women, part of the success of our program is just being integrated into a healthy community early on in recovery and being able to recognize there are other options, then going on to find and create their own," Gavin said.

Quoted

"Some women who earn bikes though us move on to independent living and don't ride because they don't have time or don't make time." Gavin

By the numbers

71%

Of incarcerated women gain a significant amount of weight, averaging 1.1 pounds a week, according to a study from the Center for Primary Care and Prevention at the Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island.

A significant change

.5

The average weight gain in pounds, over eight weeks, of an incarcerated woman who participates in Gearing Up's indoor cycling program.

Young love is in the air

Two lovebirds enjoy a moment near the Barnes Foundation in Center City. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Summer recess

Lawmakers travel the world on lobbyists' tab

U.S. lawmakers are once again taking advantage of their summer recess to race around the globe on privately financed tours to places like China, the Middle East and Scotland — trips watchdog groups cite as evidence that congressional ethics reforms are unraveling.

Critics of such trips say it is unseemly for members of the House and Senate to take trips bankrolled by people and organizations with specific legislative desires.

"It's money well spent by lobbying groups, but for the American public, there is no benefit," said Craig Holman, a lobbyist for the consumer group Public Citizen. REUTERS

Canadian born

Senator Cruz releases birth certificate amid talk of 2016 run

Sen. Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican who some are speculating may run for president in 2016, has released his birth certificate, showing that he was born in Canada to an American mother, the Dallas Morning News reported yesterday.

The move came after President Barack Obama faced intense scrutiny about his eligibility to be president. Born in 1961 to an American mother and Kenyan father, Obama's birth certificate says he was born in Hawaii.

The constitution says that only natural born citizens are eligible to become president. Some interpret that to mean born in the U.S., while others say it includes being born to American parents. REUTERS

New Jersey bans gay conversion therapy

Gov. Chris Christie signed a bill making New Jersey the second state to outlaw conversion therapy for people under age 18. / GETTY IMAGES

Talk therapy. Opponents of the law have promised a legal fight as well.

New Jersey Republican Gov. Chris Christie yesterday signed into law a measure to prevent therapists from counseling gay and lesbian youths to change their sexual orientation, making his state the second to ban so-called conversion therapy.

The state senate approved the measure in June, putting it on the desk of Christie, who is widely considered a White House contender for the Republican Party in 2016.

Citing medical and psychiatric research that sexual orientation is determined at birth, the law bans state-licensed counselors, therapists and social workers from practicing a method of talk therapy that opponents have said is deeply damaging to the self-esteem and identity of gay youths.

Christie said he was signing the legislation based on research that found "efforts to change sexual orientation can pose critical health risks, including, but not limited to, depression, substance abuse, social withdrawal, decreased self-esteem and suicidal thoughts."

But he said he still had "concerns about government limiting parental choice on the care and treatment of their own children."

Former Gov. Jim McGreevey, who stepped down from office in 2004 in a gay sex scandal, praised the measure, saying it was based in "sound psychiatric research." REUTERS

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"Whenever a governor of his stature signs a bill like this, it sends a message, not just to the nation but to the individual child that you are normal and as God made you." McGreevey

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Study: BPA, DEHP tied to kids' weight, diabetes risk

CDC. About one in six U.S. children and teenagers is obese.

More than one-third of U.S. children are overweight or obese — a proportion that has tripled over the last 30 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. / GETTY IMAGES

Children exposed to two chemicals commonly used in food packaging are more likely to be obese or show signs of diabetes precursors than those with lower exposure, research suggests.

Researchers found urine levels of one type of phthalate, used to soften plastic, were tied to a higher risk of insulin resistance among teenagers.

Based on data from the same large nutrition survey, another study group linked bisphenol A, or BPA — used to line aluminum cans — to obesity and larger waists in youth.

"Clearly, unhealthy diet and lack of physical activity are the drivers of this epidemic … but, increasingly, environmental chemicals are being identified as possible contributors," Dr. Leonardo Trasande, a New York University pediatrician, said.

He and his colleagues analyzed data from a nationally representative health and nutrition survey run from 2003 to 2008, which included urine and blood tests for 766 adolescents aged 12 to 19.

They found urinary levels of one particular type of phthalate, Di-2-ethylhexylphthalate, or DEHP, were closely tied to a teenager's chance of having insulin resistance, a diabetes precursor.

Slightly less than 15 percent of study participants with the lowest one-third of DEHP levels were insulin resistant, compared to almost 22 percent of those with the highest levels. REUTERS

DEHP

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DEHP is often used to soften plastic bottles. It's used in plastic that is printed with the number 3 for recycling.

False alarm. Town in Connecticut warned of pending terror attack

The citizens of Old Saybrook, Conn., got quite a shock Sunday afternoon when a recorded message broadcast over the Emergency Management Public Address system told them to seek shelter from a terrorist attack to come.

Shortly after, the town sent Reverse 911 calls to residents telling them there was no terrorist attack and apologizing for the error.

Town officials are now investigating how a dispatcher triggered the alert.

"It was a mistake, and I assume measures will be taken so that mistake does not happen again," First Selectman Carl Fortuna Jr. told the Associated Press.

According to Fire Chief John Dunn, steps have already been taken to prevent the possibility of a future false activation. METRO

Surfer bit

Shark bites teen along Hawaii's Big Island

A 16-year-old boy surfing along the eastern shore of Hawaii's Big Island was bitten in the legs by a shark over the weekend in the second such attack in the state in less than a week, authorities said.

The boy was flown by helicopter to the Hilo Medical Center, and was listed in satisfactory condition on Sunday night, said William Aila, chairman of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources. REUTERS

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Acknowledge

Recognize not only your emotions but the emotions of those around you as well. Employers and professors don't want your bad day to affect how you treat coworkers or fellow students. Recognizing the emotions of others is an important step to maintaining a successful work environment.

Understand

There will be times when people will upset you accidentally. It can be hard not to take personally the way an email comes across, the lack of recognition upon the completion of a task or a rude comment from your boss or lab partner. Understanding how emotions work in these types of situations will leave you less stressed out and more confident.

Facilitate

Knowing how to handle your emotions positively makes everyone more productive. Facilitating emotional intelligence means making people feel open to having a discussion with you and staying away from getting defensive. When working with clients and coworkers, having positive emotions versus negative ones makes everyone feel more comfortable. Monitor the way you're facilitating your emotions by considering your body language, tone and mannerisms. Save the eye rolls for your mom.

Keep cool

Sometimes you'll be in a situation where you have to keep a firm grip on your emotions and avoid expressing them at all. A workplace or a classroom is not the place for heated arguments. It's crucial to always keep your cool and manage your emotions in a professional and appropriate way.

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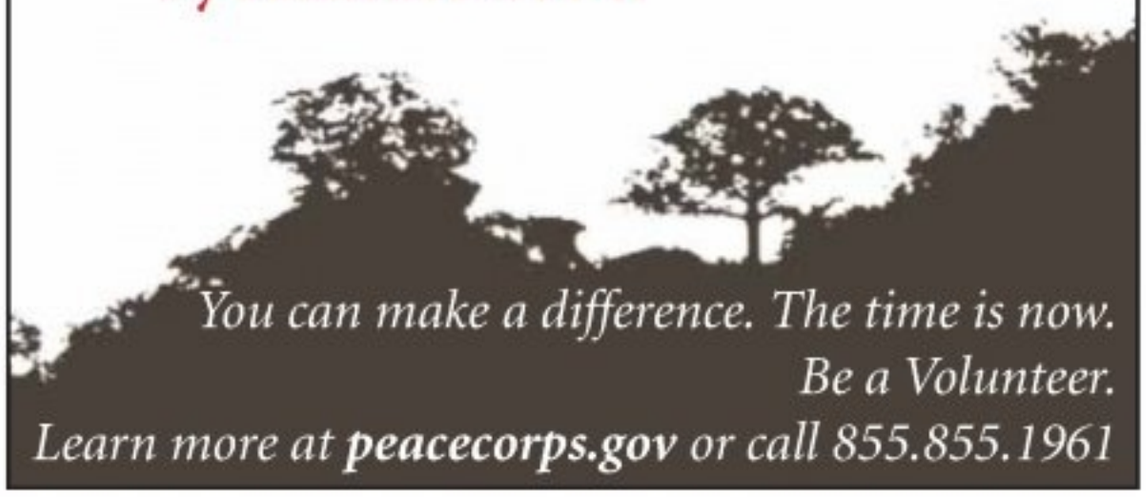

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

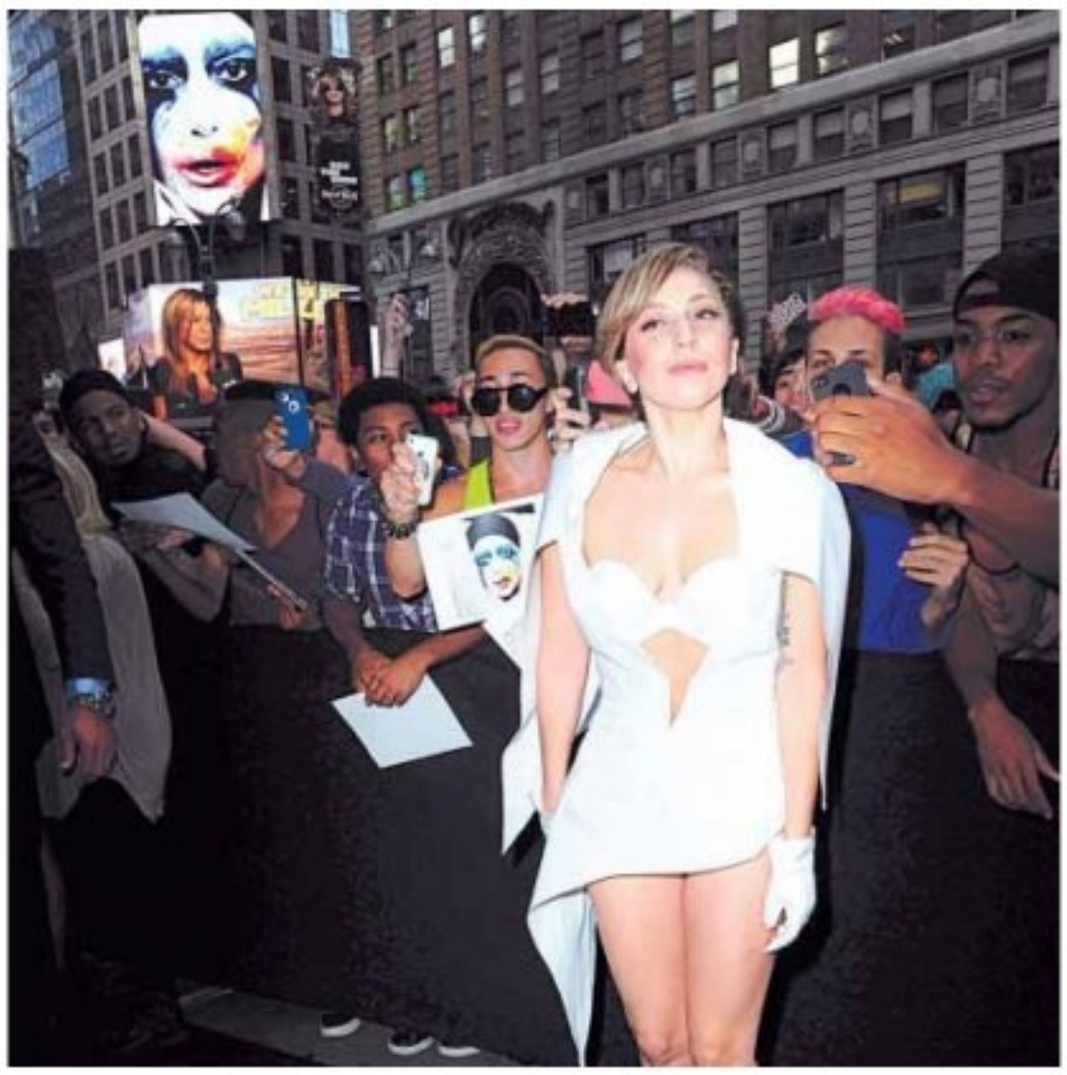
Today, Lena Dunham is considering the source, Mindy Kaling knows what she likes, Rebel Wilson likes her odds and Steve Martin is relying on auto-correct.

@lenadunham: The only insults I will ever take seriously on twitter are from gay teenagers

@mindykaling: A thirty-five year old Carl Reiner will do just fine, thanks

@RebelWilson: Read in an article that my show has a 26.3% chance of surviving...um, I had a .03% chance of mounting @channingtatum and I already did that!

@SteveMartinToGo: Without auto-correct, I am Nottingham.



Ready or not, Gaga is back in action

After a yearlong absence from the public eye due to a broken hip, get ready to see a lot more of Lady Gaga in the coming weeks and months as she promotes her new single "Applause." Here she is yesterday outside of "Good Morning America" in New York City. Next up? Sunday's "MTV Video Music Awards," which will be filmed in Brooklyn. / FILMMAGIC

Demi Lovato: A role on 'Glee' and the Internet

DEMI LOVATO

FOX VIA GETTY IMAGES

Monday held a few ups and downs for Demi Lovato.

Let's start with the downs. Radar Online reported that someone is trying to sell nudie shots of "The X-Factor" host. Although Radar claims the photos of the dark-haired woman are "identical" to Lovato — including the same tattoos — they aren't going to purchase them for our horny consumption. "These are Demi. The collection I have show some nude, including face, some including parts of the body Demi is known for — tattoos, butt, chin. Then, I have pictures of her getting rowdy," the shadowy figure says to the site.

But behind every nude-photo storm there is a guest-starring rainbow! That's the expression, right? Anyway, it was announced yesterday that Lovato will be appearing on the next season of "Glee" as Rachel Berry's friend. "I just heard the news! Excited to sing w you girl!" tweeted Adam Lambert, who joined the show earlier this summer.

So in both cases, we can safely assume that we'll be seeing a lot more of Lovato in the coming months.

Bundchen makes bank in 2013

It pays to be Gisele Bundchen. The leggy Brazilian is the highest-paid model in the world, with a $42 million paycheck this year, according to Forbes. Next on the list is Miranda Kerr, who earned $7.2 million, and Adriana Lima, with $6 million.

The windfall comes mostly from Bundchen's stake in Brazilian footwear company Grendene. So don't hate her because she's beautiful. Hate her because she's filthy rich and beautiful.

SOME GIRLS HAVE ALL THE LUCK. AND THE LOOKS. AND THE MONEY.

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THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Prince William rehearsed putting George in his car seat

You were probably very impressed with Prince George's departure from the hospital. "Very smooth, very 007," you no doubt thought as his father Prince William exited the building, snapped George's car seat into place on the first try, and drove off.

Well, if it makes you feel any better, that apparently spontaneous moment of triumphant dad skills was carefully rehearsed.

"Believe, me it wasn't my first time," William told CNN of the car seat moment. "I know there's been some speculation about that. I had to practice, I really did — I was terrified it was going to fall off or the door wasn't going to close properly." *Metro/MT*

Talking points

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MacFarlane's new lady love

Seth MacFarlane has a new lady in his life. The "Family Guy" creator and controversial Oscar host is reportedly dating "Pitch Perfect" star Alexis Knapp, according to People magazine. "They've known each other and have been friends for years," a source says. "She's very bright and loves science like him. She's down-to-earth and sweet."

Did Casper Smart spill the beans?

Jennifer Lopez's boyfriend, Casper Smart, might have beat the "American Idol" bosses to the punch about news that Lopez will be returning as a judge for the reality competition in January. When asked by E! News if she would be back for the upcoming season, Smart gave a simple "yes," though no official word has gone out from the network or producers. Sources close to the show say a deal is close to being finalized, but maybe Smart knows something they don't.

CALVIN HARRIS

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Being a DJ can really pay

Being a DJ can be a pretty sweet gig, if Forbes magazine's list of the highest-paid mixers is any indication. Producer and songwriter Calvin Harris, who has worked with the likes of Rihanna and recently signed a two-year deal with Las Vegas club Hakkasan, tops the list, earning $46 million this year. "The rise of dance music has been astronomical in the last three years," Harris says. "I happened to be in the right place at the right time." Even former "Jersey Shore" star Pauly D is raking it in, taking home $13 million. Not too shabby.

Celebrities. Let's give Lady Gaga a round of 'Applause'

1 Wow, that's a whole bunch of Ramones fans. From left, **Joe Dallesandro**, **Dita Von Teese**, **Linda Ramone**, **John Waters**, **Johnny Depp** and **Traci Lords** attended the 9th Annual Johnny Ramone Tribute at Hollywood Forever in Hollywood on Aug. 18.

2 Our marriage icons, **Gavin Rossdale** and **Gwen Stefani**, were spotted having lunch in London yesterday.

3 Hip-hop artist **Snoop Dogg/Snoop Lion** broke into a dance (with some interesting footwear) on the field at the 1st Annual Athletes vs. Cancer Celebrity Flag Football Game on Sunday in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

4 It-boy **Kendrick Lamar** performed during the final day of the V Festival 2013 at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, England on Sunday.

5 **Louis Tomlinson**, **Niall Horan**, **Zayn Malik**, **Liam Payne** and **Harry Styles** — better known collectively as **One Direction** — went to a photo call to promote their new film, "One Direction: This Is Us 3D," at Big Sky Studios in London yesterday.

6 **Lady Gaga** rocked a plaid dress on Sunday, the day before her new video "Applause," premiered.

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It's not easy to 'Kick-Ass' a second time

Interview. Chloe Moretz and Aaron Taylor-Johnson discuss their reservations.

Chloe Moretz and Aaron Taylor-Johnson reprise their roles in the second "Kick-Ass." / NBC, NBC NEWSWIRE

Every even moderately successful film — which would include "Kick-Ass," which underperformed back in 2010 — gets a sequel. But for the film's young stars, doing the second one had to be about more than chasing dollars.

"We had to find a reason to even come back here," says Chloe Moretz, who returns as a 15-year-old purple-haired little girl vigilante Hit-Girl.

"What did we not see in the first film that we should see in the second? You saw Hit-Girl but you never saw Mindy Macready [her real self]. You never saw the girl behind the mask."

In the film, Hit-Girl/Macready, whose father (Nicolas Cage) died late in the first, is forced to ditch her persona by guardian (Morris Chestnutt) and actually start going to school. Her new issues involve no longer being sure who she is.

"She watched her father burn in front of her and held him in his last moment," Moretz explains. "But she doesn't have anyone looking out for her except [Chestnutt's character] — and he's a cop, the opposite of who she is. She doesn't know what she's doing."

For Aaron Taylor-Johnson, reprising the titular role of the high schooler who starts a trend toward regular people dressing up as makeshift crime-fighters, the challenges were returning to any character at all.

"I like to do a character, erase it and go do something else," he says. "To go back to something and try to make it feel like the same person is a lot harder than it seems. Just getting back to that personality, the essence of that character — it did mess with my head a little bit."

Taylor-Johnson has changed dramatically in the last three years. For one he has a new compound surname: He took the name of his wife, filmmaker Sam Taylor, who directed him as John Lennon in "Nowhere Boy." They now have two kids. Playing a teenager again proved odd, although not as difficult as the horseplay.

"There's a lot more fight scenes in this movie," he says. "I did more training: MMA, boxing, things like that. You just naturally wind up getting properly into shape. Then I'd go onto set and Chloe would kick the s— out of me."

The same difficulties plagued Moretz, particularly a one-on-one with a movie-stealing Amazonian baddie named Mother Russia (Olga Kurkulina).

"We wanted it to be realistic — seeing how much she could fight back. How could this tiny little martial artist crazy whiny girl realistically fight back without being killed?" Moretz asks. "Obviously we fudged a lot of stuff. She isn't a superhero. She's a 15-year-old girl."

All in a day's work

The toughest scene

"I think the scene I got most beat up during was with the van," Moretz explains. "The hydraulics in the car were shaking so much that my rib cage was purple and blue. At one point they whipped too hard and I went sideways and the door shoved in. I couldn't breathe," she says — with a laugh.

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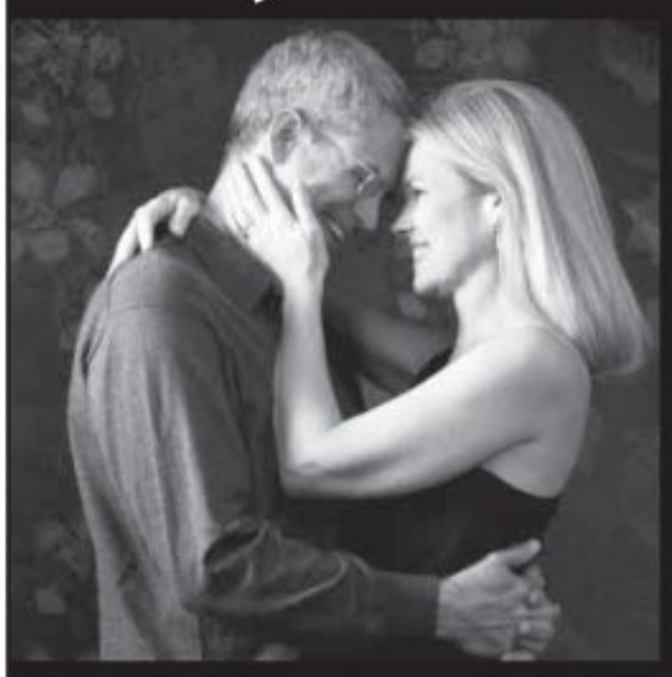

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JAMIE CAMPBELL BOWER

The "Mortal Instruments: City of Bones" star is getting used to a life of travel promoting his latest franchise.

LIFE ON THE ROAD

Jamie Campbell Bower is no stranger to movies based on wildly successful book series, having popped up in the "Harry Potter" and "Twilight" worlds. But with "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones," he's putting in more hours — and getting more camera time — than before. That means he's also up for far more time publicizing the film, as he's learned on his seven-week international press tour. The actor plays Jace Wayland, a half-angel demon-hunter and love interest for Clary Fray (Lily Collins) in the franchise's first installment.

You've been on a seven-week press tour. Have you defaulted to just going wherever people tell you to at this point without asking too many questions?

It's sort of what I do for a living, as well. I'm told what to say and where to stand, so my life's pretty easy. [Laughs] Ninety-nine percent of my job is just turning up.

You don't get much time in all those countries, though, do you?

No. Someone said, "What are you going to do in Oslo?" And I was like, probably do some interviews and see the inside of a hotel, do the premiere and then f— off. That's about as much as I'm going to be able to do.

If you magically have time to relax on a tour stop, what's the first thing you do?

Try the local food, get out of bed. I used to be a big one for when I got somewhere I would just get into bed and pass out no matter what time it was because I'd be tired, but you don't have to do that. You can pull yourself out and just walk around. Take pictures, do something unexpected.

What's your secret for combating jet lag?

I always set my watch to the time that I'm going to literally when I get on the plane, so if it's a long haul I can pass out at their time, or at least try to. Or another great thing, particularly, if anyone is traveling to the U.S., don't sleep the night before and take the first plane. Because then you sleep on the plane.

On fans

Surely you're used to the rabidity of fans for this kind of franchise by now.

Well ... the word "fan" is an abbreviation of the word "fanatic." [Laughs] Look, I'm really aware and I'm really grateful for the fact that without the people who read the books, I wouldn't be sitting here talking to you. So they deserve my time. They deserve five minutes if they come up to me on the street, they deserve five minutes if I'm doing a signing or just to say hi. I think that's a really important lesson to be aware of.

[Note: Just after Campbell Bower said this, a pair of fans who'd infiltrated the interview area asked him for a photo. He politely explained that now wasn't a good time.]

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REALITY

'Interior Therapy with Jeff Lewis'

Tonight, Jeff is challenged to style a dream home for a goth couple. Goth is to gays as, well, [insert an "oil and water" comparison here]. Jeff is going to get really bitchy about their undead-themed decor of choice, is what we're saying.

9 P.M., BRAVO

We doubt Sacagawea was quite this sullenly funny in real life.

COMEDY CENTRAL

COMEDY

'Drunk History'

"SNL" cast member Taran Killam and former "SNL" cast member Casey Wilson guest star on tonight's booze-fueled history lesson as one half of Lewis and Clarke and Dolly Parton, respectively. Bonus: Aubrey Plaza plays a deadpan Sacagawea. We really can't emphasize enough how funny watching drunk people try to talk facts is.

10 P.M., COMEDY

LATE NIGHT

'Late Show with David Letterman'

Louis C.K., comedy's most anti-darling darling of the moment, is tonight's guest. We really can't emphasize enough how funny Louis C.K.'s take on just about everything is.

11:35 P.M., CBS

MOVIE

'A League of Their Own'

Fun fact: There is literally never a time when this movie is on TV that we won't sit down and watch it. "A League of Their Own," in our humble opinion, was Madonna's shining moment. It was all downhill from there.

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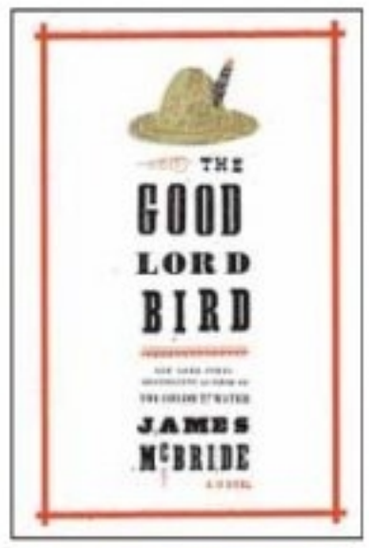
Detailing a 'delicious' story from a difficult era

Fiction. A young slave disguises himself as a girl and crosses paths with historical legends.

James McBride's new novel, "The Good Lord Bird," which is out today, is his second in a row to explore the issue of slavery in the years just prior to the Civil War. It was while researching his last book, "Song Yet Sung," that he became fascinated with the story of the abolitionist John Brown, who led the violent slave insurrection at Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

"I'd heard John Brown's name many times in the past but never really quite knew who he was," McBride says. "When I started to research him, I became fascinated with his story. The challenge was to find a way to write about him that was interesting and funny."

Given the dark subject matter of the time period and of Brown's tragic final days, the humor is the most surprising element of "The Good Lord Bird." The story is told through the eyes of Onion, a young slave boy who becomes a part of Brown's crew under the mistaken assumption that he's a girl. Over the next few years, he crosses paths with luminaries like Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, the latter depicted making drunken advances on the disguised Onion.



"My approach is to make fun of everybody," McBride explains. "In real life, I admire Frederick Douglass. He was a great man, but he was flawed

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Author James McBride's historical tale focuses on abolitionist John Brown's drive to end slavery. / CHIA MESSINA

as well. The people who built this country weren't gods. They were flawed people, and you often wonder if the women in their lives had the chance to write the stories of these men, how their account would read."

McBride himself was surprised at the opportunities for satire afforded by Onion's disguise.

"The business of identity — self-identity, inner-identity — always drives the outer story," he says. "I wanted Onion's identity issues to be strong enough to push him to freedom at the end of the book. I really didn't consider all of the factors that would go into this character playing a girl at the outset; I just thought it was funny. Then as the book evolved and he got into these situations where he had to pretend to be a girl, it thickened the plot and just became delicious."

In the end, McBride came to admire his subject, despite the misguided violence of some of his actions.

"I think John Brown was one of the greatest Americans that ever set foot in this land," he says. "John Brown was a man who represented an ideal and was willing to die for it. He was way ahead of his time. I admire his sense of religion, his sense of purpose and his unwillingness to compromise on the issue of human rights."

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History

'A complicated web' of slavery

Onion's experiences allow McBride to depict a complex view of slavery, one that in some ways is more comfortable than the hardships found in the fight for freedom. "Slavery was a complicated web of relationships," he explains. "In many ways, masters were as dependent on their slaves as their slaves were upon them. Most slaves went to bed and got up in the morning dreaming of freedom, but that doesn't mean a lot of them really knew what that word meant."

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Musicians are often known for their extravagant tastes, and when they hit the big time, many employ all sorts of additional help. Diddy was once known to have a valet on his payroll, with his main task to hold an umbrella over the rapper. The Boston Symphony Orchestra isn't too different.

"The players and their families like to swim," says BSO managing director Mark Volpe. "So I guess we're probably the only orchestra that employs lifeguards."

A lifeguard is not quite as frivolous of a way to save a musician from water as an umbrella holder, and when we examine why the BSO has such additional help, it makes more sense.

For eight weeks in the summer, the members of the BSO relocate to the mountains of the Berkshires, in Lenox, Mass., where they have a little beach on the 526 acres of the grounds known as Tanglewood.

The venue's history is as rich as the green of its rolling hills.

"My office is where Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copland had their office for about 35 years," says Volpe. He's not bragging as much as he's marveling. "Hawthorne and Emerson and certainly Melville used to visit the grounds."

Tanglewood is about a four-hour drive from Philly. One can easily picture the scenic grounds as the backdrop for a coming-of-age romantic comedy, as many of the players are younger.

"You have all of these 24- and 25-year-olds that are pre-professional, and I think the BSO players — I don't want to speak for them, but there's no cynicism because they remember what it's like to be 24 and 25 and incredibly excited about the future and life in music," says Volpe. "You really get that jolt of music, nature and youth. It's very inspiring."

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The classic white shirt and jeans combination is an under-appreciated thing. Too often it gets bogged down with hyper-personalization: a wacky jacket here, piles of quirky necklace layering there. It's that rare, perfect outfit in which a set of fashion staples converge in a can't-screw-it-up formula. But sometimes, the best way to pull this off is by not tampering with it too much. Charlie Collins, whom we spotted in London, looks flawless in an unaffected kind of way because she didn't go overboard with the styling. The simplicity makes this look a nice breather of a palate cleanser before preparing to unpack all of the heady intensity (bell-shaped skirts the size of small cities, anyone?) that will be autumn's trends.

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Attack of summer asthma and allergies

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Signs of asthma

How to tell if your child might have asthma:

- He or she has a musical, noisy breath.
- Coughing at night is waking up the child.
- He or she can't keep up with friends at play.
- The child has to stop to catch his or her breath.

They are so small you can't even see them, but they might be your child's worst enemy.

Allergens like pollen and dust mites get worse during the summer, starting in late June, says Dr. Timothy Mainardi, co-founder of New York's Hudson Allergy. These can trigger children's allergies or asthma.

Ozone levels are higher in the warm summer months of July and August. Many city buildings might have a cocktail of allergens, too, he says — dust, or the even more unpleasant mice, rats and cockroaches.

"If you look at a pre-war building, they've been there longer than you," Mainardi notes.

But kids don't need to be sealed away from outside allergens, he says — just be careful not to bring them into bed when you get home.

For example, if your children have been playing in the park all day, don't let them strip off those clothes and lay them on the bed. Keep shoes outside the bedroom, too.

"Those are impregnated with pollen," Mainardi says.

And keep an eye on when the ozone level is high — for example, the early afternoon is when ozone is at its peak.

"When you have high sunlight and high traffic, that's when you have high ozone," he says.

Air conditioners help filter air and keep out humidity, he advises.

And if nothing else?

"Dunk them in the shower before they go to bed at night," he says. "It's really the super-simple things."

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♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. A partnership's success will be proportional to what you put into it. Your unique contribution will bring you recognition.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Don't pay much attention to what others do or say — trust your own instincts. Taking time to observe how things unfold will be to your benefit.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Opening your mind to a variety of interesting concepts will result in positive changes.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Travel plans will brighten your day. A personal proposal will lead to a change of plans. Prepare to make a sudden move.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Consider an alliance that will help stabilize your position or bolster your reputation. What's offered can be beneficial if it's tailored to your skills.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. You'll face emotional deception when dealing with relationships. Ask questions if you feel you aren't getting the truth.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. If you have something to offer, now's the time to pitch it. Your innovative mind will dazzle those you encounter.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Your indecisiveness may upset someone, but it will help you come to a conclusion that works in the end. Weigh all the pros and cons.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Your generosity will be taken advantage of. Step back and look at what's required, then offer no more than necessary.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Home is where the heart is, and it should be your main concern. Fixing up your place will bring some much-deserved harmony.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Follow your plans through with a disciplined attitude. Cut back where you can and be moderate in all that you do. Focus on positive change. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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Letters

More to this story

Re: 'A-pluses for all? Grade inflation myths busted' (Metro, Aug. 19) Wow, great article about an important topic that is adversely affecting us all, yet manages to say nothing meaningful. Excellent corporate media there, people.
WILLIAM GORE, VIA EMAIL

Waste not, want not

Re: 'Calif. needs to reconsider its electric avenues' (Metro, Aug. 15-18) Letter writer Sean O'Rourke's argument that radios and computers require AC is specious; I don't know about him, but between my computer and the wall socket is an AC-to-DC converter. He quibbles about inefficiencies in AC-to-DC conversion while blithely ignoring the waste and inefficiency in mining coal/pumping oil, transporting it, burning it to make steam and using the steam to turn a turbine in order to generate electricity. When you add up all the waste inherent in this process, solar and wind generation doesn't look so bad. If Nikola Tesla, George Eastman and Thomas Edison adopted the attitude that "if it's not perfect, we shouldn't do it," I'd be reading your rag by a whale-oil lamp.
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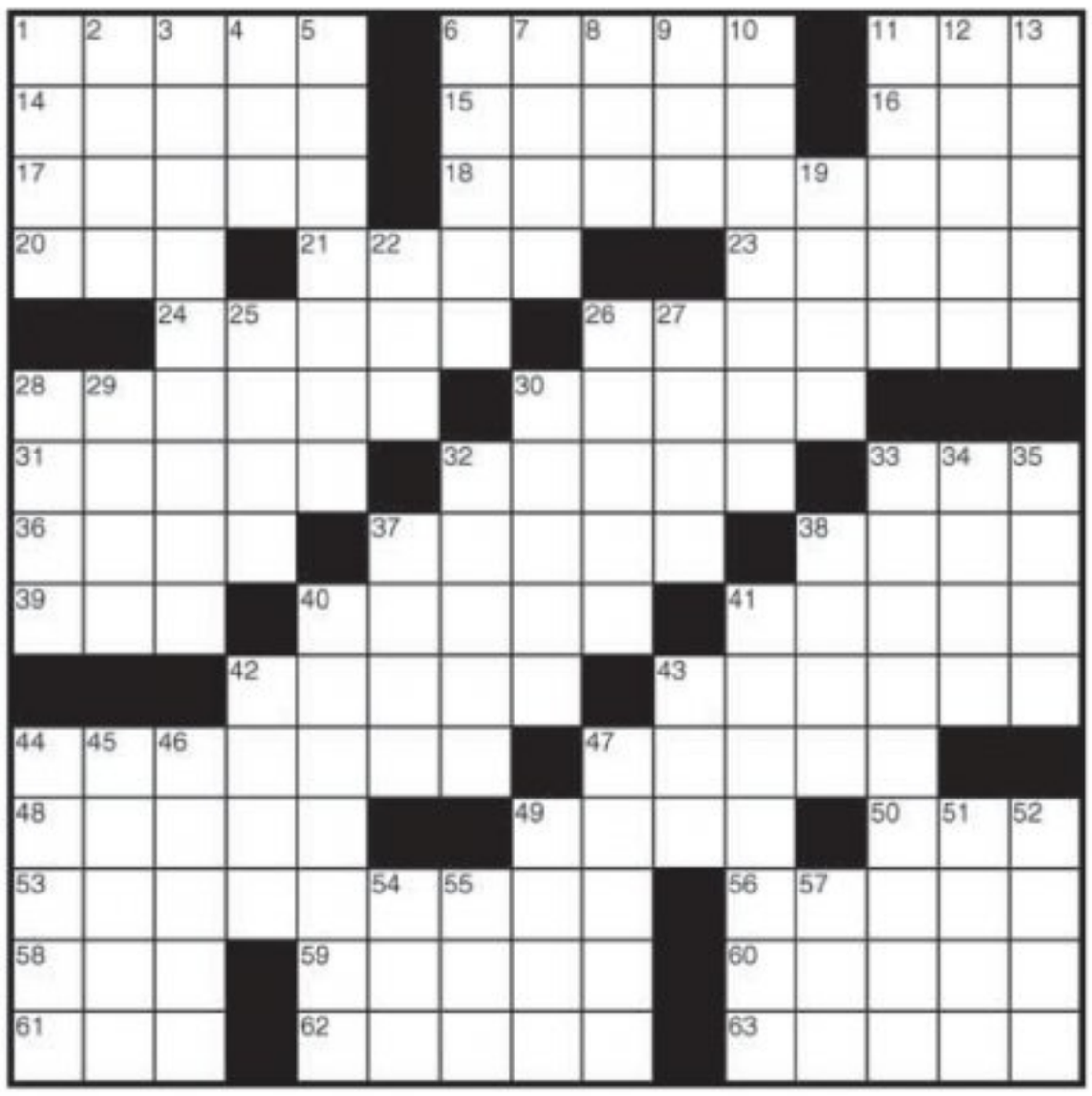

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Cloyd to start vs. Rockies

The Phillies will send out Tyler Cloyd to start tonight's game against the Colorado Rockies. Cloyd replaces John Lannan, who was placed on the 15-day DL last week, in the starting rotation. The 26-year-old Cloyd has a 4.14 ERA in 12 career MLB starts.

MANUEL LUCKED INTO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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ANGELO CATALDI

Yes, Charlie Manuel won a championship here ... but how many more did he squander? / GETTY IMAGES

Now that all of the gushing testimonials about Charlie Manuel have been written, it's time to tell the truth about the most overrated manager in Phillies history. When he was fired last Friday, he received a hero's send-off from a city snookered by his bumbling charm. You will read none of that empty-headed sentimentality here.

Manuel won more games than any manager in the team's history, and he won a championship here in 2008. He accomplished both of these feats with the finest collection of talent ever assembled in Philadelphia — Chase Utley, Jimmy Rollins, Ryan Howard, Cole Hamels, Carlos Ruiz, Jayson Werth, Ryan Madson and Brad Lidge, all in their primes together.

The bottom line is he underachieved. The division was weak, the stands were full and Manuel kept finding ways to lose the games that mattered most. He had the best team in baseball in 2009, and he blew the World Series to the inferior Yankees. He had a 102-win team in 2011 — arguably the best club of the era — and couldn't get past the far weaker Cardinals in the first round.

Time and again, championships were there for the taking if Manuel had just asked Rollins to sacrifice, or if he had sent in a pinch runner for Ryan Howard, or if Jonathan Papelbon were brought in just one out earlier. The beloved skipper was a robot, never secure enough to deviate from his sacred plan.

Manuel was not the best manager in Phillies history; he was the luckiest. He was fortunate to arrive here just as the biggest wave of talent swept through, and he was lucky that his one championship team in 2008 was Charlie-proof. Lidge saved 48 games that season. He blew none. He served as the perfect eraser for all of his manager's blunders.

No one, except Manuel himself, would dispute his shortcomings in strategy, but his many admirers have always argued that he made up for those flaws by getting the most out of his players. They loved Charlie. They played hard for Charlie. Tell that to Rollins, who ran hard when he felt like it. Tell that to Papelbon, who has been begging for weeks to leave the team. Tell that to the entire 2013 club, which cared so much about him that they quit.

Phillies fans have embraced Manuel because he is a genuinely nice man who came to town at the right time and delivered a championship. Tears were shed after the announcement last Friday. GM Ruben Amaro openly wept. Fans outside Citizens Bank Park cried. The Internet was clogged with misty-eyed memories of a wonderful era.

The smartest fans were crying too, but for an entirely different reason. They were crying over what might have been ... if Charlie Manuel hadn't spent the last nine years squandering our best chance ever for a sports dynasty.

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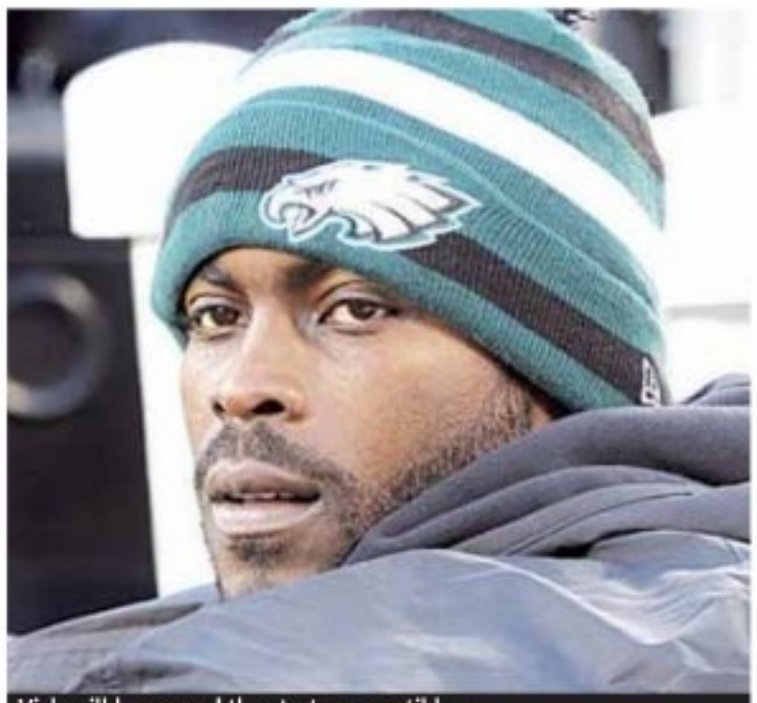
Vick will be named the starter — until he gets too comfortable. / GETTY IMAGES

As Mike Vick re-establishes himself as the Eagles' starting quarterback, the clamor is growing for coach Chip Kelly to make it official. He will not. Kelly is smarter than the chorus of clowns demanding closure. Kelly is smarter than just about all of us.

Kelly's plan with the quarterbacks is like most things he has introduced, brilliant. It is clear now that the competition between Vick and Nick Foles has very little to do with their respective skills. At 33, Vick remains one of the most gifted quarterbacks ever to play the position. Foles is just another guy.

The problem with Vick is that he loses focus as he grows more comfortable. His best years in Atlanta came in his contract years. His best season in Philadelphia was in 2010, when he was fighting to save his career. Kelly saw this trend, and now he is exploiting it. If the new coach has anything to say about it, Vick will never again feel secure.

Despite my earlier predictions, Vick is going to be the starter when the season opens. Foles, a respectable backup at this early point in his career, will be lurking at all times, and Matt Barkley will be just a heartbeat behind Foles. Every turnover by Vick will bring him closer to demotion, and should jar him back into playing the brand of smart football that Kelly demands.

Why is it so hard for the people demanding a decision to see this exquisitely simple plan? Why is it so important that the coach make a choice halfway through the preseason? Why do so many people want an independent thinker like Kelly to lapse into a conventional approach?

Vick is going to win the job, but he is never again going to own it. Chip Kelly will make sure of that. **ANGELO CATALDI**

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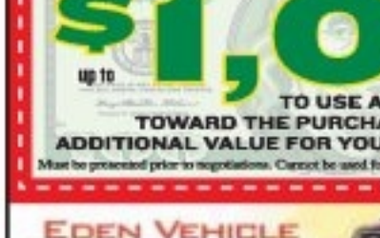
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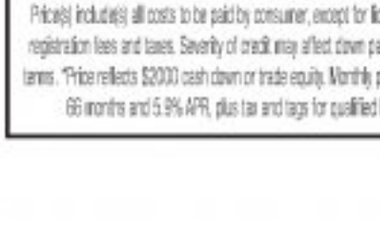
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Idle thoughts

Here's what else has been bothering Angelo Cataldi this past week:

- Jeff Lurie can't help himself. During a visit to the booth, the Eagles owner compared Chip Kelly to Bill Walsh and Jimmy Johnson, and then said he didn't think his new coach would need as much time to start winning. No pressure, Chip.
- Can someone please explain how Hugh Douglas lost his job at ESPN for racial remarks directed against a black colleague, but Riley Cooper kept his spot on the Eagles after an even more outrageous incident? If Cooper deserves a second chance, why doesn't Douglas?
- Why did the Flyers wait until yesterday to set the world record for most people watching paint dry? Why didn't they just go to a Sixers game last season?

Cataldi: 76ers owners having trust problems

Joshua Harris is taking his socially awkward style of sports-franchise ownership to northern Jersey, but he is not bringing the Sixers with him — or so he says.

Harris officially purchased the Devils last week and preached his love for Philadelphia, no small achievement since he hasn't been within 100 miles of our city in weeks.

Harris and his even more reclusive GM Sam Hinkie conducted the final round of interviews for the Sixers' head-coaching job in New York City, the base of billionaire Harris' financial empire. He even named his New York PR man, Scott O'Neil, the CEO of both franchises. If they ever revive the "I Love New York" campaign, Harris should be spokesman.

When I asked O'Neil how fans should interpret all of these connections to New York, he said Harris has been too busy to give much time to the Sixers right now. With the Devils' logo behind him, Harris himself expressed frustration that fans cannot see his commitment to Philadelphia.

Harris insists he won't move the Sixers to northern New Jersey. / GETTY IMAGES

The irony of this bizarre situation is that the last few moves by the organization make perfect sense. The Sixers are purposely getting worse so they can draft a superstar next year — and they have hired a coach, Brett Brown, who looks like an ideal fit for the long-term plan. Even now, it appears the New York carpetbaggers are an improvement over clueless Ed Snider and Comcast.

But the assuring words of an absentee owner are not going to change a perception that grows clearer every day. Joshua Harris is not just an owner who is rarely seen here. He is a man who can never be trusted. ANGELO CATALDI

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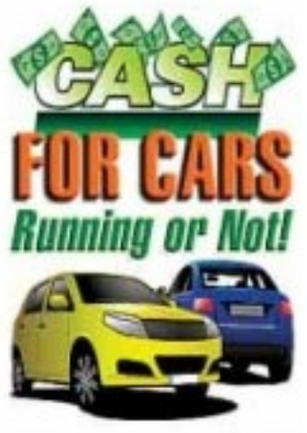

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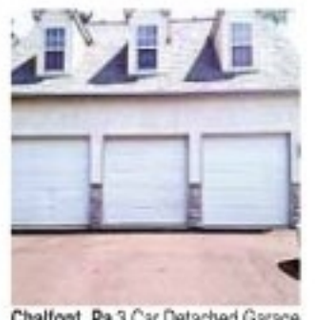

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